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THE CYTOKINES AND ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

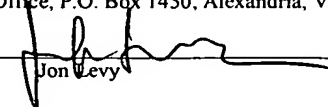
Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, which is responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed November 13, 2008, is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks respectfully are requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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